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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Prakasam District - Sri A.V.Hanumantha Rao, former Tahsildar, Podili (M), Prakasam District (Retd) - Violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 r/w Rule 9 of A.P.R.P.Rules, 1980 - Articles of charges - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.969 Dated:10.11.2022.

Read the following:-

1. From the CCLA's, Lr.No.Vigilance/V.S.I(1)/151/2022, DT:13.06.2022
2. G.O.Ms.No.708, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dt:10.11.2022.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded in the reference 2nd read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry Sri A.V.Hanumantha Rao, former Tahsildar, Podili (M), Prakasam District (Retd) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charges (Annexure–I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure - III & IV).

3. Sri A.V.Hanumantha Rao, Tahsildar (Retd) is directed to submit, within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Sri A.V.Hanumantha Rao, Tahsildar (Retd) is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri A.V.Hanumantha Rao, Tahsildar (Retd) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para–3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri A.V.Hanumantha Rao, former Tahsildar, Podili (M), Prakasam District (Retd) is invited to Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Kolla Raghavaiah, Tahsildar (Retd) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To:
Sri A.V.Hanumantha Rao, former Tahsildar, Podili (M), Prakasam District (Retd)
through the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.

Copy to:
The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P, Mangalagiri.
Sf/Sc.

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ANNEXURE - I

ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.V.HANUMANTHA RAO, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, PODILI (RETIRED ON 31.07.2021)

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Article of Charge.1:

That, Sri A.V.Hanumatha Rao, Tahsildar(Rtd.) while working as Tahsildar, Podili has failed to object formation of un-authorized layouts in Sy.Nos.82/1A1, 82/2, 82/4 of Khambalapadu Village of Podili Mandal by certain pattadars.

Thus, Sri A.V.Hanumantha Rao, the then Tahsildar, Podili (now retired), deliberately violated the rules, which amounts to misconduct and exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty which is unbecoming for Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3 APCS[Conduct] Rules,1964. Hence the Charge.

Article of Charge.2:

That, Sri A.V.Hanumantha Rao, Tahsildar (Rtd) while working as Tahsildar, Podili has failed to protect the Government land classified as Thopu Poramboke in Sy.No.82/5 and gave scope for the encroachers to enter into it and form un-authorized layout and further constructed road in Govt. land and thereby failed to protect the Government land which is the primary duty of the Tahsildar.

Thus, Sri A.V.Hanumantha Rao, the then Tahsildar, Podili (now retired), deliberately violated the rules, which amounts to misconduct and exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty which is unbecoming for Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3 APCS[Conduct] Rules,1964. Hence the Charge.

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNEXURE - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.V.HANUMANTHA RAO, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, PODILI (RETD) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. The Special Deputy Collector, KRRC, Ongole has reported that the Joint Collector(RB&R), Prakasam District has instructed her to conduct enquiry on the letter of Municipal Commissioner, Podili Nagara Panchayat addressed to the Hon'ble MLA, Markapur A/C and directed to submit report for taking necessary action.

2. The Special Deputy Collector, KRRC, Ongole has further reported that the Municipal Commissioner along with his staff have inspected the un-authorized layouts located in Sy.Nos.80, 82/1A, 82/2, 84/4 of Kambhalapadu village which was merged in Podili Nagarapanchayat and identified and removed stones in those layouts, since no permission is accorded to the layout by the competent authority. Subsequently, the Tahsildar, Podili, Municipal Commissioner, Podili NP and Station House Officer, Podili have jointly inspected the said un-authorized layouts and verified them with reference to the records available at Mandal Surveyor, Podili.

3. The SDC, KRRC, Ongole has finally reported that on the above lapses she requested to take appropriate action against Municipal Commissioner, Podili since the porambokes are vested with Panchayats & Municipalities, Tahsildar, Village Revenue Officer and Additional Revenue Inspector for their failure to protect the Govt. land in S.No.82/5 for an extent of Ac.0.23 as well as allowing certain pattadars to form layout un-authorizely and furnished the details of revenue officials who are held responsible are as follows:

(i) Sri A.V.Hanumantha rao, Tahsildar, Podili
(ii) Sri S.Sivarama Prasanna, ARI (Present FI, Podili on deputation)
(iii) Sri K.Kamal Kumar, VRO, Khambalapadu

4. In view of the above, on verification of the report submitted by the Special Deputy Collector, KRRC, Prakasam it is observed that

a. That the Tahsildar or Municipal Commissioner Podili have not objected for laying of unauthorized layouts without obtaining prior permission from the competent authority and by allowing the pattadars for preparing layouts by colluding with them until it was pointed out by the Hon'ble MLA, Markapur
b. That the lands in question are situated very adjacent to Podili-Markapur road and it is a prime area.
c. That the Tahsildar Podili has blindly recommends the conversion proposals in patta lands but failed to identify the encroachments in Topu Poramboku which is a Government Land at the time his personal inspection in connection with conversion of land from agriculture to other than agriculture purpose. Even at the time of sending conversion proposals, the Tahsildar has not objected the pattadars at the time of preparation of layouts without obtaining prior permission from the competent authority which is his failure in discharging his legitimate duties.
d. With regard to Topu Poramboke, the Municipal Commissioner and the Tahsildar, Podili, have not been taken any action in evicting the encroachers from the land in Sy.No.82/5 as per rules in vogue, since, it is valuable Govt land.

4. Therefore, it is proposed to initiate disciplinary action against Sri A.V.Hanumantha Rao, the then Tahsildar, Podili (now retired on 31.07.2021)

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.V.HANUMANTHA RAO, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, PODILI (NOW RETIRED ON 31.07.2021) IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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Special Deputy Collector(FAC), KRRC, Prakasam District, Ongole, Rc.KRRC/291/2021, dted.12.07.2021.

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNEXURE - IV

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST THAT SRI A.V.HANUMANTHA RAO, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, PODILI (NOW RETIRED ON 31.07.2021) IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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Special Deputy Collector(FAC), KRRC, Prakasam District, Ongole.

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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